# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: ZANTAC (RANITIDINE)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

MDL NO 2924 20-MD-2924

JUDGE ROBIN L ROSENBERG MAGISTRATE JUDGE BRUCE REINHART

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:
TIFFANY BRYANT, AS THE PROPOSED
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF

KAREN TYSON, DECEASED

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

# SHORT-FORM COMPLAINT – VERSION 2

The Plaintiff(s) named below, by counsel, file(s) this Short Form Complaint against Defendants named below. Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the allegations contained in the Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint ("AMPIC") in *In re: Zantac (Ranitidine) Products Lability Litigation*, MDL No. 2924 (S.D. Fla). Plaintiff(s) file(s) this Short-Form Complaint – Version 2 as permitted by Pretrial Order No. 31 and as modified by the Court's Orders regarding motions to dismiss [DE 2532, 2512, 2513, 2515, and 2016].

Plaintiff(s) select(s) and indicate(s) by completing where requested, the Parties and Causes of Actions specific to this case. Where certain claims require additional pleading or case specific facts and individual information, Plaintiff(s) shall add and include them herein.

Plaintiff(s), by counsel, allege as follows:

# I. PARTIES, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

# A. PLAINTIFF(S)

| 1. | Plaintiff K | Caren | Tyson | ("Plaintiff") | brings | this | action | (check | the | applicable |
|----|-------------|-------|-------|---------------|--------|------|--------|--------|-----|------------|
|    | designation | n):   |       |               |        |      |        |        |     |            |
|    |             |       |       |               |        |      |        |        |     |            |

On behalf of [himself];

|                | In representative capacity as the proposed administrator on behalf of the injured party, Karen Tyson.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2.             | Injured Party is currently a resident and citizen of (City, State) and claims damages as set forth below.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | —OR—   |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | Decedent died on July 30, 2021. At the time of Decedent's death, Decedent was a resident and citizen of Buffalo, New York.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| If any party c | laims loss of consortium,  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.             | alleges damages for loss of consortium.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.             | At the time of the filing of this Short Form Complaint, Consortium Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.             | At the time the alleged injury occurred, Consortium Plaintiff resided in   |  |  |  |  |  |
| B. DEFI        | ENDANT(S)  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.             | Plaintiff(s) name(s) the following Defendants from the Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint in this action:  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | a. Brand-Name Manufacturers:  BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM PHARMACEUTICALS INC.;  BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM CORPORATION; BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM USA CORPORATION; GLAXOSMITHKLINE LLC;  GLAXOSMITHKLINE HOLDINGS (AMERICAS) INC; SANOFI- AVENTIS U.S. LLC; SANOFI US SERVICES INC.; CHATTEM, INC |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | b. Generic Manufacturers:  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | c. Distributors and Repackager:  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | d. Retailers:  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                | e. Others Not Named in the AMPIC:  |  |  |  |  |  |

# C. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

7. Identify the Federal District Court in which Plaintiff(s) would have filed this action in the absence of Pretrial Order No. 11 (direct filing) [or, if applicable, the District Court to which their original action was removed]:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

8. Jurisdiction is proper upon diversity of citizenship.

#### II. PRODUCT USE

| 9. | The Injured Party used Za | ntac and/or generic ran | nitidine: [Check all | that apply] |
|----|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
|    |                           |                         |                      |             |

By prescription

Over the counter

10. The Injured Party used Zantac and/or generic ranitidine from approximately January 2012 to January 2020.

# III. PHYSICAL INJURY

11. As a result of the Injured Party's use of the medications specified above, [he/she] was diagnosed with the following specific type of cancer (check all that apply):

| Check all | Cancer Type       | Approximate Date of |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| that      |                   | Diagnosis           |
| apply     |                   |                     |
|           | BLADDER CANCER    |                     |
|           | BREAST CANCER     |                     |
|           | COLORECTAL CANCER |                     |
|           | ESOPHAGEAL CANCER |                     |
|           | GASTRIC CANCER    |                     |
|           | KIDNEY CANCER     |                     |
|           | LIVER CANCER      |                     |
|           | LUNG CANCER       |                     |
|           | PANCREATIC CANCER | December 2019       |
|           | PROSTATE CANCER   |                     |

| OTHER CANCER:            |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| DEATH (CAUSED BY CANCER) | July 30, 2021 |

12. Defendants, by their actions or inactions, proximately caused the injuries to Plaintiff(s).

### IV. CAUSES OF ACTION ASSERTED

- 13. The following Causes of Action asserted in the Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint are asserted against the specified defendants in each class of Defendants enumerated therein, and the allegations with regard thereto are adopted in this Short Form Complaint by reference.
- 14. By checking the appropriate causes of action below, Plaintiff(s) assert these causes of action based upon the law and applicable Sub-Counts of the following state(s):<sup>1</sup>

| Check<br>all that<br>apply | Count | Cause of Action  | States for which<br>the cause of action<br>was asserted in<br>the AMPIC       |
|----------------------------|-------|--|---|
|                            | I     | Strict Products Liability – Failure to Warn through<br>Warnings and Precautions (Against Brand-Name<br>Manufacturer Defendants)            | All States and<br>Territories, <b>Except</b><br>DE, IA, MA, NC,<br>PA, and VA |
|                            | II    | Negligence – Failure to Warn through Warnings<br>and Precautions (Against Brand-Name<br>Manufacturer Defendants)                           | All States and<br>Territories, <b>Except</b><br>LA, NJ, OH, and<br>WA         |
|                            | III   | Strict Products Liability – Failure to Warn through<br>Proper Expiration Dates (Against Brand-Name and<br>Generic Manufacturer Defendants) | All States and<br>Territories, <b>Except</b><br>DE, IA, MA, NC,<br>PA, and VA |
|                            | IV    | Negligence – Failure to Warn through Proper<br>Expiration Dates (Against Brand-Name and<br>Generic Manufacturer Defendants)                | All States and<br>Territories, <b>Except</b><br>LA, NJ, OH, OK,<br>and WA     |
|                            | V     | Negligence - Failure to Warn Consumers through<br>the FDA (Against Brand-Name and Generic<br>Manufacturer Defendants)                      | CA, DE, DC, HI,<br>IN, KY, LA, MD,<br>MA, MN, MO,                             |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In selecting the relevant states above, Plaintiffs reserve all rights to argue choice of law issues at a later time.

| Check<br>all that<br>apply | Count | Cause of Action   | States for which<br>the cause of action<br>was asserted in<br>the AMPIC       |  |
|----------------------------|-------|---|---|--|
|                            |       |   | NV, NY, OR, and PA  |  |
|                            | VI    | Strict Products Liability – Design Defect Due to<br>Warnings and Precautions (Against Brand-Name<br>Manufacturer Defendants)              | All States and<br>Territories, <b>Except</b><br>DE, IA, MA, NC,<br>PA, and VA |  |
|                            | VII   | Strict Products Liability – Design Defect Due to<br>Improper Expiration Dates (Against Brand-Name<br>and Generic Manufacturer Defendants) | All States and<br>Territories, <b>Except</b><br>DE, IA, MA, NC,<br>PA, and VA |  |
|                            | VIII  | Negligent Failure to Test (Against Brand-Name and Generic Manufacturer Defendants)  | KS, TX  |  |
|                            | IX    | Negligent Product Containers: (Against Brand-<br>Name and Generic Manufacturers of pills)   | All States and<br>Territories   |  |
|                            | X     | Negligent Storage and Transportation Outside the Labeled Range (Against All Retailer and Distributor Defendants)                          | All States and<br>Territories   |  |
|                            | XI    | Negligent Storage and Transportation Outside the Labeled Range (Against All Brand-Name and Generic Manufacturer Defendants)               | All States and<br>Territories   |  |
|                            | XII   | Negligent Misrepresentation (Against Brand-Name<br>Manufacturers by Generic Consumers in<br>California)                                   | CA only   |  |
|                            | XIII  | Reckless Misrepresentation (Against Brand-Name<br>Manufacturers by Generic Consumers in<br>Massachusetts)                                 | MA only   |  |
|                            | XIV   | Unjust Enrichment (Against All Defendants)  | All States and<br>Territories   |  |
|                            | XV    | Loss of Consortium (Against All Defendants)   | All States and<br>Territories   |  |
|                            | XVI   | Wrongful Death (Against All Defendants)   | All States and<br>Territories   |  |

| If Count XV o | or Count XVI is alleged | l, additional facts supp | porting the claim(s): |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
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# V. JURY DEMAND

15. Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

# VI. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) has/have been damaged as a result of Defendants' actions or inactions and demand(s) judgment against Defendants on each of the above-referenced causes of action, jointly and severally to the full extent available in law or equity, as requested in the Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

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